

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of December 1-7, 2024

## “THE ROAD TO SUCCESS”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share with the group three words that best describes you.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Joshua 1:1-9.**

1. This was a pivotal moment for Joshua and the people of Israel. What do you think were some of the obstacles that could have stopped their forward progress? With Moses' death, how might Joshua have been tempted to live in the “glories of the past” or the “failures of the past” or to stay within his comfort zone?
2. Some of our biggest regrets include our “inaction regrets.” Have you found that to be true in your life? If so, share an example of how something has kept you from doing what God wanted you to do.
3. What is the key promise in verse 5? How can God's presence change your outlook on trials, even when your circumstances remain the same? How confident are you of God's presence in your life and what does that look like in the daily grind, challenges and life's heartaches?
4. What are the commands in this passage and what are the promises? Which command do you think would have been the most terrifying to Joshua considering he had to fill Moses' shoes? Which of the commands are the most difficult for you? Why?
5. Verse 8 shows us three ways that we can anchor ourselves in the Word of God (i.e. proclaim it, possess it, practice it). Share how you have experienced this in your life and discuss ways that you can grow in these aspects.

6. Many Christians live as if God is not very involved in their daily affairs. Why do you think we live this way? Would you say that God wants you to be successful in your life? What does that practically and really mean?
7. [Optional] Read Joshua 23. What similarities do you see with chapter 1, when Joshua was still about to enter the Promised Land, and chapter 23, when he is about to die? What struck you about Joshua's final words in chapter 23?

### NEXT STEPS

*We cannot guarantee success, only God can.*

- I will seek and align with God's mission in my life.
- I will trust in God's presence and power to accomplish his purposes in me.
- I will always anchor my life in God's Word.

*Don't forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you will live with God's assignment, trust in his assurance to be with you and anchor your life always in the Word of God.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

December 2 Joshua 1:1-9

December 3 Daniel 5:13-31

December 4 Genesis 12:1-9

December 5 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

December 6 John 17:1-23

December 7 Psalms 36:1-12

December 8 Psalms 136:1-9